

Hanzsek, Joseph

JAPS' PRISONER SENDS MESSAGE TO MOTHER

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Joseph Hanzsek's Broadcast
Plea Relayed by California
Radio Fan.

Mrs. Rose Hanzsek, 215 Taylor Street, mother of Joseph Hanzsek, machinist mate, first class, now a prisoner of the Japs, received a welcome letter today.

A few nights ago, according to the letter, his captors permitted the young soldier to use the airways of the Land of the Rising Sun, and his brief talk was picked up by Sidney Weiss, of 1410 Butler Avenue, West Los Angeles, Cal., who sent his message in its entirety to his anxious mother.

His message follows: "Will anyone hearing this please notify my mother, Mrs. Rose Hanzsek, 215 Taylor Street, Bethlehem, Pa.

"Hello, mother. I am well and hope that all of you are well at home. I had a letter two months ago. Am anxiously awaiting more letters.

"Everyone write to me. Give my best regards to all my friends and ask them to write. I am getting along good, and my only hope is for peace, so that I can return home. I am, indeed, grateful for the opportunity afforded me by the Japanese, to send this message. This is Joseph Hanzsek."

Twenty-three years of age, the young man has been in Uncle Sam's Navy for the past five years. He was taken a prisoner at Guam.

Somewhere in Japan, this young man is detained as a prisoner of war, anxiously awaiting letters from his many friends in Bethlehem. Today a sister of his asked the Globe-Times to urge his friends to write to him, realizing that the life of a prisoner of war is a lonely one, and letters from friends will have a cheering effect.

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